

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: A LASER THAT CAN BE TUNED QUICKLY OVER A WIDE BAND

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

6. (Amended)The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in claim 4 wherein a sampled

Bragg grating of said waveguide has a pitch that is not constant.

7. (Amended)The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in claim 1 wherein said first

cavity is formed between a first outside face of said first section and an outside face of said

second section.

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8. (Amended)The wavelength-tunable cavity claimed in claim 1 wherein said first cavity is formed between a first outside face of said first section and an entry face of said reflector.

9. (Amended)The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in claim 1 wherein the variation of the effective group index of said phase tuning second active section is obtained by a Franz Keldysh effect.

10. (Amended)The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in claim 1 wherein the variation of the effective group index of said phase tuning second active section is obtained by a Stark quantum confinement electro-optical effect.

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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

6. (Amended) The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in claim 4 or claim 5 wherein a sampled Bragg grating of said waveguide has a pitch that is not constant.

7. (Amended) The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 claim 1 wherein said first cavity is formed between a first outside face of said first section and an outside face of said second section.

8. (Amended) The wavelength-tunable cavity claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 claim 1 wherein said first cavity is formed between a first outside face of said first section and an entry face of said reflector.

9. (Amended) The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in any of claims 1 to 5 claim 1 wherein the variation of the effective group index of said phase tuning second active section is obtained by a Franz Keldysh effect.

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10. ~~(Amended) The wavelength-tunable laser claimed in any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1  
wherein the variation of the effective group index of said phase tuning second active section is  
obtained by a Stark quantum confinement electro-optical effect.